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Seat Pleasant News

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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The 2017 Mayor's State of the City Address



I'd like to say thank you to everyone that attended the 2017 Seat Pleasant: *"A Smart City of Excellence"* State of the City Address. I was very inspired to see so many residents, elected officials and special guests.

Let me begin by saying the financial state of the city is **STRONG** with a healthy fund balance, which can be attributed to good management over revenue collections and city expenditures. Highlights from the address were Economic Development, Public Safety and Smart City initiatives that are a part of our vision for Seat Pleasant.

One special highlight from the address is directed at our beloved senior citizen residents. In the 2019 budget I will be proposing an across the board tax break and relief for all senior citizens who have lived in the City for more than 40 years. If you'd like to read the speech in its entirety you may go to our cities website at www.seatpleasantmd.gov or view the speech in its entirety on our YouTube account at www.YouTube.com and type in *"Seat Pleasant State of the City Address"*.

- Mayor Eugene W. Grant





*Happy Valentines Day
We are most alive when we
are in love.
- John Updike*

Heart Healthy Diet Tips

- Eat more Fruits and veggies
- Choose whole grains. Try brown rice instead of white. Switch to whole wheat pasta
- Choose lean proteins like poultry, fish, beans, and legumes
- Cut down on processed foods, sugar, salt and saturated fat

Disclaimer: The above content is for informational use and may not be regarded as medical advice or instruction



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

-- President Barack Obama

Black History Facts

Although it was an important slave port in the 1600s, Boston had an active abolitionist movement by 1700. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts abolished slavery in 1783, and by the 1830s Boston had become the center of American abolitionist sentiment. The 54th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, a black unit from Boston, fought in the Civil War. While the Great Migration did not have much affect on Boston, the city has received substantial immigration from the Caribbean in recent decades.

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Business Spotlight



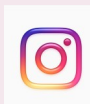
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Senior Safety Monitoring Program

ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT SENIOR CITIZEN?

If so, join Seat Pleasant Police Department's Senior Safety Monitoring Program. Seniors will receive weekly wellness visits from community Police Officer's and the opportunity to share information, address safety concerns, and to discuss crime prevention strategies with officer's. Signing up is free and easy!

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- * Be (70) seventy years of age or older
- * Be a resident of Seat Pleasant
- * Complete a program application. Forms are available at Police Headquarters - 6601 Addison Road; Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL (301) 499-8700**



Chief of Police
Devan A. Martin

A Community Engagement initiative of Mayor Eugene W. Grant and the Seat Pleasant Police Department

The University of Maryland Extension Program and The City of Seat Pleasant Presents The:
"Your Money, Your Goals"
Workshop

YOUR MONEY

YOUR GOALS

By attending these workshops community members will learn about resources needed to increase their financial and personal empowerment.

The workshops will provide simple and easy-to-use tools that will help the participants move toward financial stability and prosperity. Increased financial stability can provide individuals and families the ability to reach their financial and personal wellness goals.

April

5th

12th

19th

At 6:00 pm

Reserve your space starting
Monday, February 6, 2017

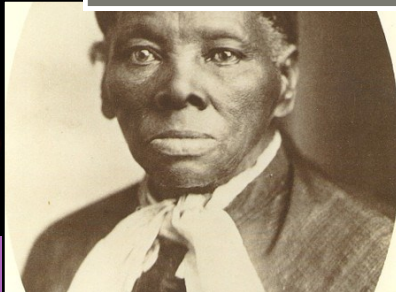
**Spaces are limited
301-336-2600**

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**Seat Pleasant
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5720 Addison Road
Seat Pleasant, MD 20743**



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HISTORY IS
AMERICAN
HISTORY**



Seat Pleasant: *"A Smart City of Excellence"*

presents it's

Black History Month Program

Saturday, February 25, 2017

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Seat Pleasant Activity Center

5720 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

"Harriet Tubman— The Chosen One" a one woman play by award winning actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand. Gwendolyn is a local expert on the history of the great pioneer.

There will be:

Musical Selections

Award Presentations

Special Performances

Door Prizes

Lite Refreshments

WHAT IS SMART ENERGY

AND HOW IT CAN HELP YOU

Overall energy usage is a big element of a smart city. Residential and commercial buildings in smart cities are more efficient, using less energy. Energy smart applications and appliances assist with analyzing and collecting data. Smart Energy solutions can ultimately lead to lower pollution and much better efficiency. For example, the City of Los Angeles is replacing all of its old sodium vapor streetlights with smart LED versions that use less energy and save money. In 7 years the city has converted 80 % of the 215,000 streetlights to LED smart lights, at a cost of 57 million, which equals to around 9 million a year in savings.

Anyone can take part in the wave of Smart technology and clean energy. For instance installation of smart meters in a home can digitally send meter readings to your energy supplier. More than 40% of most people's power bill contributes to heating up hot water in homes. With simple installation and contacting your energy supplier you can save on average \$600 in a year. Manufacturers are beginning to offer more energy efficient gadgets than before. Listed below are a few that can help you save money.



1. **Smart Thermostats** learn how and when your family uses the heating and air conditioning system. It follows your patterns to help control heating and cooling cost.
2. **Energy Start Appliances** offer great savings when operated. These appliances can often save you enough money to pay for appliances in just a few months.
3. **Smart Power Strips** can help reduce phantom power from anything plugged into it. The price of the strips are higher than average but can save enough money on the power bill to justify the cost. Use them for hard to reach plugs under the computer desk and television.

Black History Facts

Lincoln University in Pennsylvania is the first institution of higher education founded for African-Americans. It paved the way for the 104 other historically black colleges, which have produced distinguished alums like Thurgood Marshall, Spike Lee, and the Oprah Winfrey.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Seat Pleasant is actively seeking volunteers to participate with city staff to build community relations with our Public Engagement Office.

In order to better serve the City of Seat Pleasant, volunteers can commit for a one time project or on a continuous basis. Volunteers will gain valuable work experience and marketable skills while making a difference in the community.

For more information please contact
Tiffani Darby
at

301-336-2600 or Tiffani.Darby@seatpleasantmd.gov

Seat Pleasant's Citizens for Public Safety Advisory Council

CPAC

There have been recent incidents in our County about meeting others when buying things from people via online methods. Be careful!!! Most craigslist and online users are trustworthy and mean well but we all know that meeting people you only know through the internet can be dangerous.

Here are some good safety tips that I found on craigslist.org. A lot of them are common sense things but with the increase in these types of crimes, they are worth repeating.

When meeting someone for the first time, please remember to:

- *Insist on a public meeting place like a cafe, bank, or shopping center.* Many police departments have safe zones and if you want to know a safe place, call the Seat Pleasant Police Dept. (301-499-8700) If you decide to meet there, do it in the day time when the office is fully staffed.
- *Do not meet in a secluded place, or invite strangers into your home.* Absolutely, do not make yourself an easy target!
- *Be especially careful buying/selling high value items.* These are almost always cash only transactions and never worth risking your life for them.
- *Tell a friend or family member where you're going.* And, take someone or a few people with you!
- *Take your cell phone.* With our phones, we can record everything, share our location, and even use Facebook Live.
- *Trust your instincts.* Again, use common sense. If it doesn't feel right, don't go and definitely don't stay.

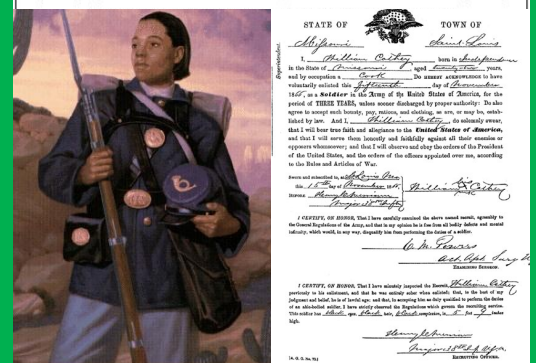
Please tell CPAC about the issues you have in your neighborhood. We meet with the Seat Pleasant Police Department every month and will discuss your concerns with them; we'll do our best to fix your issues and make your quality of life better! Please email your ideas, comments, concerns, and suggestions to us at cpac.seatpleasant@live.com. We look forward to hearing from you! Like us on Facebook at *Seat Pleasant CPAC!*

Attention residents: Be aware of scammers impersonating utility companies. Do not let them into your home and report all suspicious activity to the police department.

***Disclaimer:** This should not be considered legal advice. You should seek appropriate counsel for your own situation.



A photograph some believe to be Williams, outside The Lincoln Home orphanage



CATHAY WILLIAMS

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

Cathay Williams was the one and only female Buffalo Soldier, posing as a man named **William Cathay** to enlist in the 38th infantry in 1866. She served for two years before a doctor discovered that she was a woman, leading to her discharge.

Black History Facts



Sarah Rector born in March 3, 1902, received international attention after the Kansas Star newspaper headline read “Millions To Negro Girl” and she was hailed the richest black girl in America. Rector was only 10 when she became one of the richest African Americans in the early 1900’s. Sarah and her family inherited a plot of land which was believed to be rock infested and impossible to farm. Later on they discovered that the land was flushed with oil. Her income then went from pennies to \$15,000 per month.

HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

During the winter months, fire hydrants and catch basins must be kept free of snow and ice. **This ensures the safety of your neighborhood during an emergency.** It can take several days or even longer to remove snow near fire hydrants and from catch basins. Covered catch basins, whether from leaves or snow, can result in major flooding to your street and property.

PLEASE CLEAR THE SNOW FROM FIRE HYDRANTS AND CATCH BASINS NEAR YOUR HOUSE.

Any vehicle parked in such a way as to impede fire or ambulance travel, or snowplow and sanding operations will be towed. If you are in doubt about whether it is safe to park on the street, use this rule of thumb – if it is snowing, we will be sanding; if there is more than 3" of accumulation, we will be plowing-please try not to park on the street.

Don't put the snow back into the street!

BE AWARE: Snow plowed in front of driveways and walks is a routine downside of the snow removal operation; **it is not done on purpose.**

SIDEWALKS: The City plows a certain predetermined number of sidewalks as soon as possible; however, it can take up to 2 days or longer to complete this work. But you are to do the ones in front of your home.

REMOVAL OF PLOWED SNOW: Because the removal and hauling of snow is very expensive, the City does not have a policy of hauling snow after each storm. However, sometimes it is necessary to remove snow from certain streets in the downtown and business districts, school properties, and municipal parking lots. Each snow removal and clean-up operation will generate a cost, so we have to minimize the cost.

Remember, driving in winter snowstorms should be avoided whenever possible. In every winter storm, there are times when road conditions are hazardous despite everyone's best effort. Our work to restore safe road conditions is completed quicker and more efficiently when roads are free of traffic and illegally parked vehicles.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Public Works Director, Samuel Prue

Samuel.prue@seatpleasantmd.gov

City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action

Office of the City Clerk

January 2017

Tuesday, January 3, 2017-Regular Work Session

Resolution R-17-10 to Amend the City of Seat Pleasant Motto to “*A Smart City of Excellence*” Approved 7-0-0

Monday, January 9, 2017 Public Session

Ordinance O-17-13 Establishment of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and a Revolving Loan Fund for the City of Seat Pleasant 1st Reading

The below legislation is being reprinted due to an error in the legislation number:

Resolution R-17-09 Amendment of the City’s Cell Phone Policy in the Approved Accounting Manual to Include Tablets as City Issued Devices Approved 5-0-0 passed on December 12, 2016

The Meeting Minutes for the month of December were approved on January 9, 2017.

The City Council monthly meetings for the month of February will be on Monday, February 6, 2017 as the Regular Work Session at 6:00p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017 for the Public Session at 7:00p.m. All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT ETHICS COMMISSION

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties for the Ethics Commission. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Code the duties of the Ethics Commission are listed below. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete the application by Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

§ 18-5. Ethics Commission.

There is a City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council.

- (1) All members must reside and be registered voters in the City when they are appointed and during their terms of office.

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD

The City of Seat Pleasant is seeking interested parties to the Personnel Appeals Board. In accordance with the Seat Pleasant City Code the duties of the Personnel Appeals Board are listed below. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete the application by Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**

§ 30-1. PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.

There is a City of Seat Pleasant Personnel Appeals Board that consists of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council. A member of the Personnel Appeals Board shall not be an employee, elected or appointed official of the City of Seat Pleasant or a member of any other committee, board or subcommittee of the City.

All members must reside and be registered voters in the City when they are appointed and during their terms of office.

All submissions for consideration **MUST** be filed in the **office of the City Clerk**, Seat Pleasant City Hall, 6301 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Extended Highlights from the 2017 Mayor's State of the City Address

